

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

February 11, 2016

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m.

Present : Joe Watters, Robert Jewell, Donald Proefrock, Dawn Smith, Leigh Raffaele, Elaine Drazek, Alison Lorentson and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Connie Andeshonis and Heather Hamilton

Certification: Mrs. Andeshonis was not able to attend the meeting to discuss her recertification spreadsheet. Topic was tabled and will be discussed at the March meeting.

Carbon Footprint: Mr. Proefrock advised the carbon footprint is complete for 2015 with the exception of one electric account and the mileage report from Mr. Kevin Ward (DPW Supervisor).

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Raffaele advised one more business was added to the list.

Backyard Composting Workshop: Mrs. Fascenelli stated she will follow up with Pequest Trout Hatchery and Earthworms Plus in order to determine a date for the presentation.

Materials Reuse Program: Advertizing for the event has commenced. The flyer will be placed on the Township's website. Mrs. Smith suggested that the announcement on the website be updated periodically so that it continues to appear on the front page. It was also suggested that something more environmentally friendly be used instead of balloons to mark houses that are participating in the event. Mrs. Fascenelli received feedback from the fire departments and their concerns were supplying tables and items being left behind, therefore 3 of the fire departments were not interested in participating and 1 fire department did not respond.

Green Fair: Mrs. Fascenelli will follow up with Mrs. Dillon regarding hosting the event at the Mansfield Township Elementary School.

Water Conservation Education Program – EPA Approved Watersense Showerheads: A grant for \$2,000.00 was submitted to Sustainable Jersey. If the grant is received there would be two different showerheads to choose from: option 1 – regular chrome shower head and option 2 – shower-mount hand shower.

Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI) Revisions: A grant for \$10,000.00 was submitted to Sustainable Jersey to offset the cost for the Township to update/revise their ERI.

2016 Conservation Poster Contest: 2016 theme is "We All Need Trees". Green Team will follow up with Mrs. Hamilton to see if the school board approved the school's participation in this contest.

Washington Borough Community Garden: Mrs. Fascenelli stated the Township Committee approved placing the flyer on the Township's website. Mansfield Township residents are welcomed to participate in the Washington Borough Community Garden.

Operation Take Back: Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Prescription and over the counter drugs can be dropped off at the Police Headquarters in the Township Municipal Building.

Musconetcong Watershed Spring Clean-Up: Mrs. Smith stated the clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 9 am to 12 pm.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Town Wide Yard Sale – April 22nd – 24th, 2016 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Free Town Wide Paper Shredding Event – October 22, 2016, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – 1710 Route 57

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli